

# Town of Fairfax



Selectboard Meeting  
April 16, 2018

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**Selectboard Members Present:** Steven Cormier, Chair; Randy DeVine, Vice-Chair; Duane Leach; and Stephen Bessette

**Public Present:** Robby Rodimer, Mike Casella, Bob Perry, Bob LaFort-Pike Paving, Adam Jackson- F.W. Whitcomb, EJ Blondin- J. Hutchins, Inc., Dick McAvenia- S.D. Ireland Bros.

**Employees Present:** Brad Docheff, Deb Woodward

**Call to Order:** S. Cormier called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Minutes:** 4-2-18 S. Bessette moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by D. Leach, all in favor.

**Accounts Payable & Payroll Warrants:** The Town warrants were reviewed by R. DeVine, the Utility warrants were reviewed by S. Cormier, all approved by Board.

**Public Comment:** None

**Correspondence:**

- An application for an Access Permit was approved for the Stanley property on McNall/Richards Roads. R. DeVine moved to approve the application, S. Bessette seconded, all in favor.
- An application for an Access Permit was approved for the Hakey property on Huntville/Ferguson Roads. R. DeVine moved to approve the application, D. Leach seconded, all in favor.
- Fairfax Salvage submitted a Certificate of Approval for the location of their salvage yard. R. DeVine moved to approve the request, S. Bessette seconded, all in favor.

**Paving Bids:** Bids were opened for the Town's summer paving projects. Bids were submitted by Pike, F.W. Whitcomb, J. Hutchins, Inc., S.D. Ireland Bros., Premier Paving, and S.T. Paving. Following review and discussion, R. DeVine moved to accept the bid from J. Hutchins, Inc. for \$62.00/ton, S. Bessette seconded, all in favor.

**Lawn Maintenance Bids:** Bids were opened for the maintenance of the property located at the Town Offices. R. DeVine moved to accept the bid from Rainville's Custom Lawn Care for \$2280.00 for the season, D. Leach seconded, all in favor.

**Casella Waste Systems:** Mike Casella and Bob Perry from Casella Waste Systems came in to check in with the Selectboard and get feedback on how things have been going this year. Mike plans to work on finding ways to clean up the process of curbside pickups and will work with the Town Manager to communicate best practices and procedures to citizens. The Board inquired about contamination percentages in Fairfax, the future of Styrofoam in waste management, and the future implementation of mandated composting. 2020 is the scheduled date for the composting aspect of ACT 148 to go into effect. Many questions about the costs and management of such practices have delayed and complicated implementation to date.

Robby Rodimer inquired about bringing trucks that mechanically pick up totes to Fairfax, and based on the size of some of the town roads and the logistics involved, Casella plans to continue to have their crew manually empty totes through town. Discussion followed about fence corrals for people who live on private roads to store their totes and Mike said that Casella is happy to pick up from corrals as it makes it easy on their staff.

R. DeVine inquired as to whether the Town's current contract included charges for the hauling of food scraps. Casella informed the board that that was not part of the current contract. R. DeVine also asked if it was necessary for the Town to provide dumpsters for clean wood and metal in town, and it was determined that holding Household & Hazardous Waste days offsets that as a requirement.

**Town Manager Updates:**

- A new employee has been hired to join the Highway Department. His name is Joshua Powers and he is scheduled to start on April 23, pending the results of a drug test.
- Household & Hazardous Waste Day will be held this coming Saturday, April 21, at the Town Garage on Fletcher Road.
- Progress has been made on our sidewalk construction project. Pending approval periods for a Wetlands Permit, and a sign-off on the final engineering plans, we are anticipating going out to bid this Spring.
- The Library Director has requested an increase to the library's credit card limit. After discussion with the Town Treasurer and the Board it was decided to approve the limit to \$2000.00.
- The Board also elected to provide the Town Manager with a credit card for incidental purchases with a limit of \$2000.00.

**Other Business:**

- The Selectboard did a 6-month review of its decision to continue supplemental pay and benefits to DJ Leach, Road Foreman, who was injured in the clean-up of last October's windstorm.
- The Board voted to extend its offer of making up the difference of DJ's salary not covered by Workers' Compensation Insurance for 6 more months, with a cessation of that arrangement on

October 30, 2018. R. DeVine motioned to continue payment to this date, S. Bessette seconded, all in favor.

- The Town also voted to continue to keep DJ's insurance coverage active during this time period. R. DeVine motioned to continue insurance coverage for 6 months, S. Bessette seconded, all in favor.
- S. Cormier remarked that he felt this was the right thing to do and that the Town will continue to support DJ in his recovery.

**Adjournment:** At 8:19, D. Leach made the motion to adjourn, seconded by R. DeVine, all in favor.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Brad Docheff, Town Manager.

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Steven Cormier  
Selectboard Chair